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PREFACE.

THE following work was undertaken, at the earneſt requeſt of a dear chriſtian friend. It is ſent forth into the world at his expence. I earneſtly wiſh it may anſwer his pious intention.

I well know that many objections are made to all forms of prayer. But this I will venture to aſſert, it is better to pray by form, than not to pray at all; and that if it were not for forms of prayer, many perſons would not pray at all. I beſeech the eſtabliſhed chriſtian to remember, that he was once but a babe in CHRIST. Let us look back to our former days: let us call to mind the time, when the light of truth, juſt like the emerging light of the morning at the break of day, firſt aroſe upon our ſouls, and ſay, Did we not then ſee our need of, and were we not glad to uſe ſome help and aſſiſtance in prayer? Did we not find words ſuited to expreſs our own caſe and wants unto the LORD, better than we could expreſs them ourſelves? Did we not then uſe ſuch forms of prayer, in the ſincerity of our hearts? Did we not find in them, petitions exactly ſuited to our ſtates and circumſtances? Though we prayed in the words of others, yet did we not make them our own, underſtanding them, and conſcientiouſly uſing them, as expreſſing our own particular wants? And have we not all reaſon to believe, that our dear LORD did not *deſpiſe the day of ſmall things*; but that he heard the prayers of our lips, and anſwered

the requeſts of our hearts? So that we may take up St. *Paul*'s reaſoning upon another ſubject, and apply it to this of prayer; "If there be firſt a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not," 2 Cor. viii. 12.

Now if this was the caſe with us (ſure I am it was with me, and am inclined to think it was ſo with chriſtians in general) why ſhould we object to others having the ſame help and aſſiſtance, which we ourſelves once ſtood in need of, and were glad to uſe? St. *Paul* teaches, "We then who are ſtrong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak," Rom. xv. 1.

But it may be objected, Who is able to compoſe forms of prayer ſuited to the caſes of others? Methinks the anſwer is very eaſy. The work is not difficult. For the word of the LORD exactly ſuits all the various ſtates and circumſtances of every one of us. From hence, as from the grand magazine of truth, one, who is leſs than the leaſt of all ſaints, and the chief of ſinners, has endeavoured to compoſe a form of ſound words. The petitions are chiefly taken from the gracious declarations, holy precepts, precious promiſes, and awful threatnings of the LORD in his word. As I have aimed to make the following prayers, truly ſcriptural in ſentiment and expreſſion, hope I ſhall be juſtified in giving them the title of SCRIPTURAL PRAYERS. And I humbly hope they may be uſeful to thoſe for whom they were deſigned, even ſuch who believe the holy ſcriptures, yet are weak in faith

faith—babes in knowledge—and who have but ſtammering tongues. There are many ſuch weak of the flock. Surely they need to have their weak hands ſtrengthned, and their weak hearts encouraged and aſſiſted. For ſuch I have laboured with pleaſure. And would humbly beg, that ſuch will duly weigh, and attentively conſider, theſe prayers, ſo as to form a right judgment of them, before they uſe them: I beſeech you to conſider, whether you can make the expreſſions your own, and pray by them, in the ſincerity of your hearts unto the LORD. Look up for the aſſiſtance of the holy Spirit, that you may indeed pray in fervency of ſoul; and ſo be enabled to ſay with *Paul*, "I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the *underſtanding* alſo," 1 Cor. xiv. 15.

But, this objection ſurmounted all others, my own weakneſs and inability for this work. "God be merciful to me a ſinner." What work have I ſtrength and ability for? Not even to pray for myſelf. Yet glory to my LORD, I am encouraged, by hearing even an inſpired apoſtle ſay, "Not that we are ſufficient of ourſelves to *think* (much leſs to do) any thing as of ourſelves (through humbling grace I can in truth join him) but our ſufficiency is of GOD," 2 Cor. iii. 5. In the firm belief of this, unto the LORD I have looked, and upon him have called, that his grace might be ſufficient for me, and his ſtrength made perfect in my weakneſs. Therefore, if this work is made of any uſe and bleſſing to any precious ſoul, "Not

unto me, not unto me, but unto thy name, O LORD, be all the glory."

If this work ſhould fall into the hands of any, who live without daily prayer to GOD, ſuffer me in love, to addreſs myſelf to ſuch. My dear fellow ſinner, do you believe the holy ſcriptures? Do you believe there is a GOD? Do you believe that he is a GOD who heareth prayer? Surely you do. Pray then attend to what is the voice of your conduct towards GOD. It ſpeaks the following plain language to God from day to day.

Depart from me, O God, I do not deſire the knowledge of the moſt HIGH. Therefore I do not ſeek it from thee. I do not daily pray for it. Though thou, LORD, haſt moſt plainly told us in thy word, "That all have ſinned againſt thee, Rom. iii. 23.—that all are become guilty before thee, iii. 19.—that we all are by nature children of wrath, and condemned by thee, Eph. ii. 3.—and that thy wrath is revealed from heaven againſt all ungodlineſs and unrighteouſneſs of men," Rom. i. 18. Yet I treat all this but as an idle tale. I neither fear thy power, O GOD, nor dread thy wrath, therefore, I never cry unto thee, nor call upon thee to avert it, that I may find mercy at thy hands. Though thou, LORD, "Haſt ſo loved the world as to give thine only begotten Son, to the end that whoſoever believeth on him ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life," John iii. 16. yet I do not daily pray for faith in him, that I may not periſh, but be ſaved by him. Though "There is none

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other name under heaven given among men whereby we muſt be ſaved, but the name of JESUS, Acts iv. 12. yet I will not daily pray to him for ſalvation. Though we are told, "Whoſoever ſhall call on the name of the LORD JESUS ſhall be ſaved," Rom. x. 13. yet I am not daily excited to call on him that I may be ſaved. Though CHRIST came into the world to ſeek, and died on the croſs to ſave *ſinners*, yet I will not daily pray him, to ſeek and to ſave me. His ſalvation is not worth my daily prayer, that I may be a partaker of it. "Though the blood of JESUS CHRIST cleanſeth from all ſin, 1 John i. 7. yet I will not daily pray that my guilty ſoul may be cleanſed by it. Though "The righteouſneſs of CHRIST is upon all who believe, and juſtifieth from all condemnation," Rom. iii. 22. Yet I do not daily pray to be clothed with it, that I may be freed from all condemnation, and juſtified before GOD in it. Though "CHRIST is able to ſave them to the very uttermoſt, who come unto GOD by him," Heb. vii. 25. Yet I will, day after day, neglect coming upon my bended knees, to beſeech Chriſt to ſave me. I am content to live from day to day without the knowledge of GOD the Father's love, and without GOD the Son's ſalvation. And though the holy Spirit is promiſed, to lead and guide, to comfort and ſanctify poor ſinners, yet I can do very well without his gifts and grace, therefore I will not daily pray for them. Though GOD is my Almighty Creator, my kind Preſerver, and my bountiful Benefactor, from whom

whom my every bleſſing and comfort flow, yet I chooſe from day to day to act the moſt ungrateful part towards him. I ſee no need, why I ſhould daily proſtrate myſelf before God, pray for any bleſſing from him, or return daily thanks to him. Though he has ſaid "Whoſo offereth praiſe, glorifieth me," Pſalm 1. 23. I do, and I will from day to day refuſe to glorify God. I will caſt off his fear, and reſtrain prayer before God, come of it what may.

Perhaps thy prayerleſs ſoul, ſtarts and recoils at this language. You would not dare to utter theſe words to the Lord. But conſider, do not thy life and conduct, as loudly and plainly proclaim them, as though thou didſt utter them with thy lips? Surely you cannot deny this. O take knowledge of thyſelf: the Lord ſend light and conviction into thy ſoul, that thou mayeſt ſee thyſelf, be aſhamed of thy baſe conduct towards the Lord, ſo as to cry unto Jesus the friend of ſinners for pardon, and for the grace of prayer, and the ſpirit of ſupplication, to be poured down upon thy thoughtleſs, prayerleſs ſoul.

But are you a maſter of ſervants, and a father of children? and do you live from day to day without ever calling them together, to worſhip the Lord, to pray unto, and give him the praiſes which are due unto his name? Conſider, what is the voice of your conduct towards them. Is it not juſt the ſame, as though you were to addreſs them after this manner.

My children and ſervants, we are called Chriſtians, but we live like Heathens. I do not

not chooſe to act as a Chriſtian, nor that you ſhould be brought up and live in the practice of Chriſtians. Though all Chriſtians take up the reſolution of *Joſhua* of old, "As for me and my houſe, we will ſerve the LORD," Joſh. xxiv. 15. Yet the contrary practice is ours. Though the worſhip of the LORD is daily kept up in all Chriſtian families, yet I do not chooſe to keep it up in mine. I ſee no need of it. I am content that you ſhould live and die like heathens, who know nothing of GOD, nor of CHRIST's love and ſalvation—nothing of the bleſſings of chriſtianity, of a heaven of glory, nor of a hell of torment. Though the prophet ſpeaks of the LORD's "pouring out his fury upon the families, who call not upon his name," Jer.x.25. yet let us not care about theſe things, nor have any fear of GOD's fury, though we live and die in a conſtant neglect of our duty to him, and neither worſhip him, nor call upon his name.

Is not this the plain, but awful language of your conduct to them? Does it not ſpeak as loudly to them, as though addreſſed in theſe very words. O think of this, ye heads of families, who forget GOD from day to day. The LORD impreſs your hearts with a deep concern for his honour and glory, and for the ſalvation of your own ſouls, and the ſouls of thoſe who live with you. O may GOD ſtir up your hearts this moment to ſeek his bleſſed face, and to call upon his holy name. May you this hour reſolve, in the ſtrength of GOD's grace, not to let another day paſs, without calling your family

mily together, and addreſſing them, after ſome ſuch manner as this.

Long, too long, O my children and ſervants, have I neglected the worſhip of GOD in my family: Sin lieth at my door. GOD be merciful to me a ſinner. It is our mercy, that the LORD is gracious and long-ſuffering: His compaſſions fail not, or we might have been conſumed by his vengeance for our innumerable ſins, and for this eſpecially in neglecting to worſhip the LORD, to ſeek his face, ſupplicate his mercy, implore his forgiveneſs, and offer up our praiſes to him. Let the time paſt ſuffice, that we have lived like heathens, without GOD and without CHRIST in the world. But let us now, as exhorted, take with us words of prayer, confeſſion, and ſupplication, and turn unto the LORD, and ſay unto him, "Take away all our iniquity, and receive us graciouſly, ſo will we render the devotion of our ſouls and bodies to thy ſervice and glory," Hoſea xiv. 2. For conſider that precious text, Heb. iv. 16.

Here is, 1ſt, the infinite and eternal GOD, revealed on a *throne of grace*. Here he diſplays the glory of his majeſty to command awe and reverence from us, while he exhibits all the glorious riches of his grace towards us. Here, he graciouſly receives petitions from ſuch condemned malefactors, traitors and rebels, as we are. From hence he diſpenſes mercy to the miſerable, pardon to the guilty, peace to the troubled conſcience, reſt to the weary ſoul, and joy to the mourning ſpirit. O what precious encouragement is this to pray to him! For,

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2dly, We are exhorted to come *boldly* to this throne, free from ſlaviſh fear and ſervile dread, of our perſons being rejected in wrath, and our prayers caſt out in anger. For it is a throne of free favour to the worthleſs, vile, and miſerable. But from whence doth this boldneſs ariſe? From our being innocent creatures, who have never offended GOD? Becauſe of any good that is in us, or done by us to deſerve his favour, and intitle us to bleſſings from him? O no. This is the boldneſs of daring preſumption. Are we to come boldly, becauſe our ſins are not ſo great, our ſtate not ſo deſperate, our nature not ſo wicked as others? No, this is the boldneſs of Phariſaical ignorance. Are we to come boldly, becauſe we can pray well and plead hard? No, this is the boldneſs of pride. Our boldneſs in prayer before this throne, ſprings not from any thing in us, done by us, or for what we are in ourſelves, but wholly and ſolely, becauſe JESUS, precious JESUS, the friend of the wretched, the Saviour of the loſt, the high Prieſt of ſinners, is touched with the feeling of our infirmities—is paſſed into the heavens *for us*—is ever pleading our cauſe—ever pleading his obedience unto death, and the atonement of his blood made on the croſs, for our ſins, and for our acceptance with GOD. O conſider this! How does this drive away all diſcouragements to prayer! How does this excite boldneſs in prayer!

3dly, What are we to come for? "That we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." We want both the mercy of

God, and the grace of Jesus every day. Mercy to pardon our ſins, and grace to comfort and ſanctify our ſouls. Therefore we ought to come daily to this throne for both. O joyful truth! There is a boundleſs ocean of mercy in Jesus for miſerable ſinners: There is an inexhauſtible fulneſs of grace in Christ for needy ſinners. Come then to this throne boldly, cry daily for mercy, pray daily for grace. Every day is our time of need. Then let every day be our time of prayer. Without the mercy of God in Christ, we muſt periſh as ſinners. Without receiving the grace of Jesus, we cannot live holily, walk comfortably, nor die happily. Do not aſk, Am I fit for mercy? Am I worthy of grace? Ever know, mercy is fit for you, a miſerable ſinner: Grace is free for you, a needy ſinner. Bleſs God for a throne of grace. Bleſs God for boldneſs to come to it by Christ. O that we may come to it, to experience God's precious promiſes in his Word, his rich grace in his Son, and his everlaſting conſolations by his Spirit.

Lord pour out the Spirit of grace and ſupplication upon us. Enable us to look unto Jesus, whom we have pierced with our ſins, and mourn. Help us to rejoice, that Christ is the fountain opened for ſin and for uncleanneſs; and that over this gracious throne, and this precious fountain is wrote, Come and welcome, whosoever will.

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Let not be forgotten that he that cometh to God, must believe that he is &c

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For Lord's Day Morning.

O THOU Son of man, who art Lord alſo of the ſabbath, give us in the faith of thee, to keep a ſabbath of ſpiritual reſt. O Jesu, may we this day ceaſe from our own works, and enter into thy reſt. Son of God, who doſt invite weary, heavy-laden ſinners to come unto thee, enable us to obey thy ſweet voice. Thou who doſt promiſe to give them reſt, Lord fulfil thy word upon us. Let us find reſt in thee from all our ſins. Glory be to thee, O Son of God, that thou haſt finiſhed the work which thy Father gave thee to do. Glory be to thee, that thou haſt magnified and made honourable his holy law—finiſhed tranſgreſſion—made an end of ſin—made reconciliation for iniquity—brought in an everlaſting righteouſneſs, and perfectly finiſhed ſalvation for miſerable ſinners. O Jesu, as thy reſt is ever glorious in the ſight of the bleſſed Trinity: ſo may it be ever glorious to our ſouls. Suffer not unbelief to keep any of us from enter-

ing into thy reſt. But grant, that as thou haſt entered into reſt as our forerunner, we may follow thee by faith, look unto thee in hope, meditate upon thee with love, glory of thee in humility, and rejoice in thee with joy unſpeakable and full of glory this day. O divine Inſpirer, breathe the power and comfort of this great myſtery into our ſpirits, God manifeſt in the fleſh, to take away our ſins, to bring righteouſneſs to our ſouls, peace to our conſciences, reſt to our minds, and to deſtroy the work of the devil in our hearts.

O Lord, bring down our high thoughts, vain conceits, proud, carnal hopes and ſelf-righteous confidence, that we may, as poor, loſt, ſinners bow to God the Father's ſovereign grace, and ſubmit to be ſaved by the holy life, and painful death, the ſin-atoning blood, and law-fulfilling righteouſneſs of his beloved ſon. To whom ſhould we wretched creatures, we miſerable ſinners go, but unto thee, O Lamb of God? Thou, and thou only haſt the words of eternal life. Thou, and only thou, takeſt away the ſin of the world. Thou, and thou alone, haſt made peace with God for ſinners by the blood of thy croſs. Lord, ſpeak the words of eternal life to our ſouls—take away the guilt of our ſins—bring the peace of God into our minds,—and ſhed the love, the pardoning

doning love of GOD abroad in our hearts. Grant that theſe words of our lips, may be the earneſt deſire, the fervent requeſt of our hearts. Thy goſpel, O Chriſt, is the power of GOD unto ſalvation. May it prove ſo to our ſouls. May the word preached this day be mixed with faith, by the power of the Spirit, that it may profit our ſouls. LORD, enable us to give diligent heed unto the truths delivered unto us, leſt we let them ſlip out of our minds. Grant that they may be ſet home in the demonſtration of the Spirit, and be felt in our hearts with power, livelineſs and conſolation. May the preaching of CHRIST crucified be our glory. Let deep conviction be fixed on our minds of the exceeding ſinfulneſs of ſin, of the perfect purity of thy righteous law, of the piercing eyes of thy ſtrict juſtice, of our own deplorable miſery and wretchedneſs, of our want of a better righteouſneſs than our own to juſtify us in thy ſight, and of our conſtant need of CHRIST in all his offices and relations to poor ſinners. LORD, in mercy prevent our neglect of that great ſalvation, which was planned in eternity, by the everlaſting covenant of JEHOVAH, Father, Son and Spirit—That great ſalvation which was finiſhed in the fulneſs of time by the Son of GOD, in which ſinners enjoy the love and peace of

God the Father, through the application of God the Spirit. Lord, impreſs this truth on each of our minds, that if we neglect this great ſalvation, we cannot eſcape eternal damnation. O holy Spirit, teſtify of Jesus to our hearts: Shew ſome token upon our ſouls for good this day. Open our underſtanding to underſtand the ſcriptures. Give us to hunger and thirſt after Christ the bread of life. Let us find thy holy drawings to Christ the Saviour of the loſt. Let thy powerful influences command awe and reverence of ſoul before the Lord. Let us find that his banner over us is love, his grace in us is ſweet, and his mercy ſurrounding us on every ſide, is joyful. Lord, without thee we can do nothing. We are not ſufficient of ourſelves, to think any thing as of ourſelves. May thy power enable us to worſhip thee in ſpirit and in truth this day, that prayer may be our delight, and praiſe the joy of our ſouls. Lord ſtir up our hearts to confeſs thy goodneſs, and to praiſe thee for preſerving us from the dangers of the night paſt, and for giving us the light of another ſabbath. O may thy mercies excite gratitude and thankfulneſs of heart. Sweeten every temporal bleſſing with a ſenſe of covenant grace and love in Christ. Grant that we may enjoy all in God, from God, and to God in Christ. Cauſe

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thy love ever to conſtrain us to glorify thee. Help us to remember, that this is not our reſt, that it is polluted. Enable us to conſider ourſelves as dying creatures, inhabiting a body of ſin and death, living in a vain world devoted to deſtruction, and ſurrounded by enemies, too great, powerful and ſubtle for us to ſtand againſt and overcome; ſo that we may flee unto thee as our refuge. LORD undertake for us—let thine everlaſting arms be underneath us—thy ſanctifying grace be within us, and thy almighty power engaged to ſave and defend us.

LORD CHRIST, make thy preſence known in the aſſemblies of thy people this day. Bleſs all thy faithful miniſters. While they are preaching thy precious name and glorious ſalvation, pour out thy holy Spirit to give them abundant ſucceſs. Cauſe thy word to run and be glorified, in the conviction and converſion of ſinners, and in the edification and comfort of thy ſaints. Quicken the dead in ſin. Rouſe drowſy profeſſors. Enliven the hearts and graces of thy people. Grant us to know the joyful ſound of thy goſpel, to hear the ſweet voice of the heavenly charmer JESUS, and to taſte that thou, art gracious to us ſinners; that we may ſhout thy ſalvation, and ſay, Let thy name O LORD be praiſed from the riſing of the ſun, to the going

down of the ſame. O water our ſouls by the word of thy grace, and the unction of thy Spirit. Bleſs in ſoul and body all who are near and dear to us. Forgive all who are enemies againſt us. LORD, accept us in thy beloved Son: Out of his fulneſs ſupply all our need, that in faith and in truth, we may joyfully call upon thee, as taught by our dear Saviour. *Our Father, &c.*

FOR LORD'S DAY EVENING.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, enable us to adore thee, as the great prophet of thy church. Cauſe our hearts to attend to thy divine teaching. Thou haſt bid us ſay, After we have done all, we are unprofitable ſervants. Give us the feeling conviction of this humbling truth, that we may confeſs it from the ground of our hearts. And yet, dear LORD, ſuffer not the ſenſe of our unprofitableneſs, ever to diſcourage us from drawing nigh to thy holy, juſt and righteous GOD and Father by thee. For glory be unto thee, thou art a prieſt to atone for ſin, and an advocate to plead for poor ſinners. O may our ſouls bleſs thy precious name, that thou haſt not left poor ſinners to procure acceptance

ceptance with GOD, by any works of their own; but doſt give them boldneſs, to come into the preſence of a holy GOD, by thy precious blood; and haſt conſecrated a new and living way of acceſs to GOD, through the veil of thy fleſh. Grant us through thee to have free acceſs to the Father, by the grace of the Spirit. O GOD, the Father of heaven, view us in the Son of thy love. Accept and bleſs us with all ſpiritual bleſſings in him. In and by him, let us find heaven open to our prayers, and ſee a pardoning GOD ſmiling upon our perſons. LORD, help our unbelief. LORD, encreaſe our faith, in the word of thy grace, in the love of thy heart, and in the promiſes of thy mercy in CHRIST JESUS, to hopeleſs, helpleſs, and miſerable ſinners. Grant, LORD, that we may ever ſee that in ourſelves we are all ſuch, and yet behold the encouragement we have in thy gracious word, to come unto thee for hope, help and mercy. For thou haſt ſo loved a ſinful world, as to give thine only begotten Son, that, whoſoever believeth in him ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life. O fix this truth deep in our hearts, that without this thy unſpeakable gift, we muſt all have inevitably periſhed; but believing in CHRIST, we ſhall moſt certainly be ſaved. Grant us now to experience this ſalvation, in our ſouls being

being paſſed from death unto life—in dying unto ſin and in riſing again unto righteouſneſs —in being delivered from the condemnation of thy law, and in poſſeſſing juſtification unto life. Seeing ourſelves as purſued by thy juſtice, may we be enabled to flee for refuge, from ſin, wrath, curſe and hell, to lay hold of JESUS, the only hope ſet before us in the goſpel; that we may find ſtrong conſolation in thy everlaſting love, precious promiſes and ſacred oath. As faith cometh by hearing thy word, may we give diligent heed unto it, that in the faith of it we may find our ſouls drawn out in love to thee, O LORD, and our hearts and lives engaged in thy ſervice. Bleſs every means of grace we have attended to this day, to the quickning in us the hope of glory. Hath the goſpel of thy ſalvation been preached to our ears? Grant that it may take deep root in our hearts, ſo as to make CHRIST precious to our ſouls, ſin exceeding ſinful, and the way of holineſs moſt delightful. Forbid that we ſhould be careleſs or forgetful hearers of thy word. Sanctify our memories to retain the truth as it is in JESUS, our hearts to believe it, our ſpirits to love it, and our ſouls to glory in it; that it may ſpread its divine ſavour and influence over the whole of our life, walk and converſation. LORD ſanctify us, that we may

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ſanctify thee in our hearts. Make the return of every ſabbath on earth, to fit us more and more, for that reſt that remaineth for thy people in glory. May the concluſion of every ſabbath be to thy honour and glory, and to our profit, peace and comfort. Pardon the iniquity of our holy things. In all we do we come ſhort of our duty, and of thy glory. Cauſe us ever to tremble to be found in ourſelves, or to truſt in any thing we can do to ſave ourſelves. May thy grace, O GOD, bring ſalvation to us, and teach us to deny all ungodlineſs and worldly luſts, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly and godly in this preſent world. Thus make us thy peculiar people, that we may be zealous of good works, to the glory of thee.

O Thou who ſearcheſt all hearts, enable us to examine ourſelves, and to prove our own ſelves, that we may know ourſelves. For unleſs Chriſt be in us the hope of glory, we are yet in our ſins, under the curſe of thy law, and expoſed to eternal wrath. Suffer none of us to ſleep in ſuch an awful ſtate; but awaken in us a deep concern to know whether we are in CHRIST, and to enjoy ſome precious evidence that CHRIST is in us, and that we are intereſted in the ſalvation of the Son of GOD.

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Holy Spirit, make us to know ourſelves, even as we are known by thee.

O Father of all mercies, and God of all our comforts, accept the praiſes of our lips, for all thy bleſſings this day beſtowed on us. Pardon all our ſins. Receive us to the arms of thy mercy to night. Preſerve us from all evil, and bleſs us with every good. Viſit the ſons of ſorrow and daughters of affliction. Be a very preſent help to thy people in all their troubles. Compaſs them about with ſongs of deliverance. Bleſs all we love, and all who love us. Pity thoſe who hate us. Lord help us to love, pray for, and forgive them. Grant that we may live in love to thee, and all mankind. May we lie down in peace with God through Christ, and in peace with all men. O God the Father bleſs us. O God the Saviour keep us. O God the Spirit ſanctify and comfort us. Now to the ever-glorious Trinity in one Godhead, be all the honour and glory, of all we have and are, and of all we hope for, through our dear advocate Jesus. *Amen.*

For Monday Morning.

O Lord God Almighty, who art a Father to bleſs, a Redeemer to ſave, and a Spirit

sit to sanctify miserable sinners; look down in mercy upon us this morning, and enable us to look up to thee in faith and in hope. Glory and praise be unto thee, O LORD, for the light of another day, and for all thy mercies the night past. It is our unspeakable mercy, that we are not suffering the vengeance due to our sins, and lifting up our eyes in endless torments. Affect our minds with a deep sense of our demerits, and of thy long-suffering goodness. Enable us to lift up our hearts unto thee, as a GOD hearing prayer and receiving, embracing and pardoning poor sinners, who come unto thee in the name of JESUS thy beloved Son. O Son of GOD, who was born to save, lived to justify, and died to redeem sinners, have mercy on us. Thou who art exalted to be a prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and remission of sin, grant us repentance unto life, and forgiveness of our sins. Sin has made us miserable. LORD, thy love only can make us happy. Sin has polluted us. Thy blood only can cleanse us. Sin has brought the curse of the law upon us. O thou, who wast made a curse for us, let thy righteousness free us from all condemnation.

Glory be unto thee, for thy precious declaration; all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men. O may this encourage

courage faith, excite hope, and animate our hearts, to come unto a ſin-forgiving GOD, pleading the precious atonement of CHRIST for the pardon of our ſins, and his everlaſting righteouſneſs to juſtify our ſouls. O GOD of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, and make us to abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghoſt. Deliver us from preſumption. We are all naturally prone, through pride and ignorance, to truſt to ourſelves, to hope in ourſelves, and to preſume on what we can do to ſave ourſelves. LORD, teach us to know ourſelves. Humble us in our own ſight. Save us from deſpair. Suffer us not to doubt or deſpair of thy will and power to ſave us to the very uttermoſt, if we come unto thee. Never ſuffer unbelief to work in us, and to prevail over us, ſo as to keep us from coming to thee. Give us ſteadily to believe thy glorious truths, thy rich grace, thy precious love, ſo as to experience thy everlaſting ſalvation, in all its comfort and bleſſedneſs. O let us never doubt of thy love, nor deſpair of thy readineſs to ſave us. Baniſh thoſe doubts and fears, which keep back our hearts from ſeeking thee, loving thee, and glorifying thee. Pardon our unbelief. Give us more grace. If we have precious faith, LORD increaſe it.

Thy grace alone is ſufficient for us. O CHRIST perfect thy ſtrength in our weakneſs. Make us ſenſible that we live in a wicked, enſnaring world—that the love of it is contrary to the love of GOD—and that the friendſhip of it is enmity againſt GOD—and that if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. JESUS deliver us from this preſent evil world. Save us from all the evil which is in the world. Let thy love reign in our hearts, and put the world under our feet. So perfect us in thy love, and by thy love, that our ſouls may riſe above the love of vain and earthly objects, which oppoſe thy glory, and prevent our enjoying ſweet fellowſhip with GOD the Father, and his Son JESUS CHRIST. O create us in CHRIST unto good works, that we may walk in them to thy honour and glory. Enable us to reſiſt Satan, ſtrive againſt all ſin, and ſtudy to pleaſe thee in all things, experiencing the holy faith, and purifying hope of the goſpel.

Bleſs us LORD with thy preſence this day. Grant that we may begin it in thy ſtrength, be in thy fear all the day, and end it to thy glory. In our different ſtates and ſtations of life, may thy grace enable us to do our duty with chearfulneſs and fidelity. LORD reign in our hearts by thy love, and ſubdue

every evil temper and unruly paſſion. Make us meek and mild in our behaviour. Grant that we may walk in thy light and truth, and let our light ſo ſhine before men, that they ſeeing our good works may glorify thee. Have mercy upon all men. Bleſs the King Thou haſt ſet over us. Bleſs the nation where we live. O forgive our crying ſins. Avert deſerved judgments. Pour upon us undeſerved mercies. O let thy Goſpel continue with us in its purity. Preſerve, ſanctify, and comfort all thy faithful people. Know thou their ſouls who are in adverſity. Remember in grace and mercy all who are near and dear to us. Grant them to know thy love, rejoice in thy ſalvation, and live to thy glory. LORD give us thy Spirit, that we may pity, pray for, and forgive all our enemies. Grant that we may live in peace, and walk in love with thee and with all men. In mercy hear our prayers. Accept our perſons in thy beloved Son. O LORD for his ſake, do for each of us abundantly more than we are able to aſk, or worthy to expect. Now to GOD the Father of all our mercies: To GOD the Son the only Saviour of the loſt; To GOD the Holy Ghoſt the only Sanctifier; be equal praiſes honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For Monday Evening.

O THOU high and lofty One, who inhabiteſt eternity, whoſe name is holy, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; Glory be to thee, that thou doſt not ſpurn ſinners from thy preſence, but inviteſt them to draw nigh unto thee; for thou canſt be juſt, and yet the juſtifier of him who believeth in Jesus. Bleſs the Lord, O our ſouls, and all that is within us praiſe his holy name; for Thou haſt not left us in doubtful ſuſpenſe to aſk, how ſhall we come before the Lord, or how ſhall we be accepted of the moſt high God? The way is plain in thy bleſſed word. Christ is this way. He has aſſured us, no man cometh unto the Father but by him. O Jesu, by thee enable us now to come with boldneſs to the throne of grace, that we may find mercy as miſerable ſinners, and obtain grace to help us as needy creatures. Let us find mercy to pardon our ſins, and grace to ſanctify, comfort, and refreſh our ſouls. Both mercy and grace are from thee, O Lord the Father. May both flow to us through Jeſus the Son of thy love, by the power of the holy Spirit. It is our ſpecial mercy to live where the light of thy glorious goſpel ſhines, and where the joyful ſound of ſalvation by Christ is proclaimed.

claimed. O may our ſouls ſee the light of truth, hear the joyful ſound of ſalvation, love it, rejoice in it, and bleſs and praiſe thee for it. LORD forbid that ever we ſhould lightly regard thy peculiar mercy, or neglect thy glorious ſalvation. O loving LORD, who in the days of thy fleſh didſt open thy diſciples underſtandings to underſtand the ſcriptures, mercifully open ours alſo. Thou who didſt cauſe their hearts to burn within them, LORD let us feel the ſame power from thee. Make us joyfully to know the things which belong unto our peace. O that we may know, that CHRIST, of GOD, is made unto us wiſdom, righteouſneſs, ſanctification and redemption. Thy words O LORD are Spirit and life. O may we experience their power and ſpirituality. Give us to love thy word, and to rejoice at it, as thoſe who find great ſpoil. Give us grace to ſearch the ſcriptures which teſtify of thee O CHRIST. O divine Spirit, who haſt cauſed all holy ſcriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in ſuch wiſe hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digeſt them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace by faith, and ever hold faſt in love, the bleſſed hope of everlaſting life, which thou haſt given us in our Saviour JESUS CHRIST. We are creatures made

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miſerable by ſin, naturally under thy wrath and curſe, deſtitute of hope, and blind both to our miſery and remedy. We are prone to hope in ourſelves, and to deceive our precious ſouls. Thou, O LORD, haſt told us, Curſed be the man, who truſteth in man, and maketh fleſh his arm, and whoſe heart departeth from the LORD. We are all naturally under this curſe. All our hearts have departed from thee. JESUS ſave us. Bring us back to thyſelf, Thou great ſhepherd and biſhop of our ſouls, that we may truſt alone in thee. For thou haſt aſſured us, bleſſed is the man who truſteth in the LORD, whoſe hope the LORD is. O heavenly Comforter, convince us of ſin, of righteouſneſs and of judgment. Make us ſenſible of the damning nature of unbelief—the curſed pride of ſelf-righteouſneſs—and give us a right judgment of ourſelves—of thy holy law—of thy divine juſtice—of thy glorious truths—of thine everlaſting love, abounding mercy, rich grace and precious promiſes to poor ſinners. O grant us to ſee all ſhining with peculiar glory in the face of JESUS CHRIST. O take of the things of CHRIST and ſhew them unto us, that our hearts may be enraptured with the love of him. O GOD, who at the beginning didſt command the light to ſhine out of darkneſs, ſhine into our hearts, and give us the know-

ledge of thy glory in the perſon of JESUS CHRIST.

Enable us this night to come unto thee, O JESU, as our only Saviour—truſt in thee as our only hope—and rejoice in thee, as THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. We are continually ſurrounded with enemies, beſet with dangers, and expoſed to temptations, LORD preſerve and keep us by thy watchful eye, and almighty grace. Subdue all within that is contrary to thy holy will. Surround us this night, by thy all-preſerving goodneſs. We have no might to ſtand, no power of our own to keep ourſelves. Happy for us to have an Almighty GOD to go to, and a GOD of all grace to truſt in. O be thou our ſhield and our defence from the face of every enemy. LORD Thou haſt told us, but one thing is needful. O may we believe thee, and chooſe that good part of ſitting at thy bleſſed feet, and hearing thy gracious words, that we may daily learn of thee the greatneſs of thy love to us miſerable ſinners, and the fulneſs, freeneſs, and perfection of thy ſalvation for us; ſo ſhall we truſt thee more, love thee better, and ſerve thee with greater devotion of heart, lip and life. For all the bleſſings and comforts of the day paſt, give us grace to be thankful. LORD keep us from all dangers and evils this night. Bleſs

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us in lying down to reſt. May our weary bodies be refreſhed, and our ſouls kept unto the day of CHRIST. In him may we be found, in life, in death, and in the awful day of judgment; that we may joyfully ſing, Salvation to GOD who ſitteth upon the throne, and unto the LAMB, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FOR TUESDAY MORNING.

LORD of all grace teach us to pray; open our lips that our mouths may ſhew forth thy praiſe. Holy Spirit, help our infirmities. Pour out upon us the grace of prayer, and the Spirit of ſupplication, that each of our hearts may be engaged this morning in worſhipping, praiſing and adoring the LORD of our Life, the Father of our mercies, and the GOD of our ſalvation in CHRIST JESUS. As the light of the morning has chaſed away the darkneſs of the night, ſo, O Sun of righteouſneſs, ariſe upon our ſouls, and diſpel the darkneſs of ignorance and unbelief from our minds, that we may walk as the children of the light and of the day. Thou haſt ſaid, "He who followeth me, ſhall not walk in darkneſs, but ſhall have the light of life." Draw us, and we ſhall run after thee. O JESU, who art the light of the world

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and the life of men, be Thou our light and our life, that we may be light in thee, and live by faith upon thee. Thou doſt command us, "Look unto me and be ye ſaved." Give us faith to believe thee, and power to obey thee, that we may find ſalvation in thee. We have deſtroyed ourſelves. LORD make us to know and feel it, that we may glory of, rejoice in, and praiſe thee for that precious declaration, In ME is thine help found. Grant that the belief of this, may lead us out of our hopeleſs, helpleſs ſelves, and encourage us to come unto thee for all hope and help. When ſin invades, temptations beſet, luſts rage, evil tempers riſe, and we are in danger of being overcome of evil, O LORD ſtand by to ſuccour, ſupport, and keep us, looking to thee for victory. May the ſound of that word pierce our very hearts, "If ye live after the fleſh, ye ſhall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye ſhall live." Holy Spirit, teach us, that this is our work to day, and every day we live. The power is thine. O beſtow it upon us, that we may live holily, walk comfortably, and enjoy thy heavenly peace and love. Whatever work we are called to engage in this day, O may we remember to ſerve the LORD CHRIST in it—to aim at his

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glory in all we do, and to do nothing contrary to his will; looking for his grace to be with us, his power to bleſs us, and his love to make our ſouls happy. Good God leave us not to our own ſpirits; which are earthly, ſenſual, and deviliſh. O may a ſenſe of this clothe us with humility, excite conſtant watchfulneſs over ourſelves, and cauſe us to cry unto thee, to ſave us from all evil that ſurrounds, and from all ſin that dwelleth within us. We are all called chriſtians, O Christ anoint us with thy Spirit, and forbid that we ſhould diſhonour this holy name. May we who name the name of Christ, depart from all iniquity. O for thy name's ſake forbid, that we ſhould reſt barely on the name, without experiencing the inward life, grace and power of the Spirit of Christ upon our ſouls. For thou haſt aſſured us, "If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his." Lord fulfil thy precious promiſes in us; "I will dwell in them, and walk in them;—I will be unto them a God, and they ſhall be my people—they ſhall all know me from the leaſt unto the greateſt, for they ſhall all be taught of God." Make our ſouls to hunger and thirſt after the ſweet experience of theſe bleſſings. May we ardently long and earneſtly plead for the enjoyment of theſe ineſtimable mercies. Let thy grace be manifeſt

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in us this day, by our lives and converſations. Make us watchful over ourſelves—watchful againſt all evil—and watching unto prayer. O GOD remind us that thine eyes are ever upon us. Let us continually have the eyes of our minds upon thy truths, thy promiſes, and thy threatnings, ever remembering the LORD is at hand. O may we uſe this world, as not abuſing it. May we not be ſlothful in buſineſs, but fervent in Spirit, ſerving the LORD, with our bodies and ſpirits which are thine. CHRIST make us know that we are not our own, but that we are bought with the price of thy precious blood. Make us thy peculiar people, zealous of good works. Bleſs the nation where we live, the King thou haſt ſet over us, all who miniſter under him, and all who are ſubjects of him. O LORD ſend forth a Spirit of reformation among us. Turn us from our crying ſins, leſt they bring down thy threatned judgments upon us. May all who profeſs to know thy name, know the comfort of truſting in thee. Bleſs our dear relatives, in providence and in grace; in their bodies and in their ſouls. O may they know thee the only true GOD, and JESUS CHRIST whom thou haſt ſent. LORD for thine infinite mercy ſake in CHRIST cauſe us to riſe from our knees with humble, grateful, obedient hearts, that under

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the influence of thy ſpecial grace, we may ſpend this day in thy ſervice and to thy glory, through JESUS thy beloved Son, our precious Saviour. *Amen.*

FOR TUESDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD Almighty give us to believe, that as ſurely as we are now on our knees before thee, we muſt all ſoon ſtand before the judgment ſeat of CHRIST. Help our unbelief of thy word. O that the thoughts of that tremendous day, and the ſolemn event that awaits each of us, may be deeply impreſſed upon our ſouls, that we may flee from the wrath to come: Flee to lay hold of the ſceptre of thy mercy in CHRIST JESUS, that we may eſcape the curſe of thy wrath in the day of Judgment. Glory be to thee, O LORD, that thou haſt told us, Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of ſalvation. LORD make this an accepted time to us: May this be a day of ſalvation, in which our ſouls may be ſuccoured, ſaved and comforted by thee. Give us grace to draw nigh unto thee, not only with our lips, but in heart and affection alſo. O do Thou draw nigh to us and bleſs us. Viſit us with the ſenſe of thy peace, the comforts of thy love, and the joys of thy ſalvation. O LORD JESU, thou lover of ſouls,

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thou friend of ſinners, thou Saviour of the hopeleſs, the wretched and the miſerable, ſave us from our natural ſloth, careleſſneſs and ſtupidity of ſoul. Awaken in us a quick and feeling ſenſe of our manifold ſins, and our innumerable wants, that we may come this night to thy blood for pardon, and to thy grace for ſupply. O that in and under a ſight and ſenſe of all our wretchedneſs, that word may bring hope and relief to our minds, "GOD was in CHRIST reconciling the world unto himſelf, not imputing their treſpaſſes unto them." LORD, give us to know thy reconciling love, and pardoning grace in CHRIST, that we may be reconciled to thee, and love thee with all our hearts and minds, and ſerve thee with all our ſtrength. But without faith it is impoſſible to pleaſe thee. LORD if our ſouls are deſtitute of faith in thee, as being reconciled to us, and at peace with us in CHRIST JESUS, we ſhall neither love thee, care to pleaſe thee, nor fear to offend thee. LORD give us faith, or we periſh. Give us pardon, or we are loſt for ever. Give us repentance unto life, or we are for ever ruined. Give us to love thee, or we are for ever ſealed under that moſt dreadful curſe, "If any man love not the LORD JESUS CHRIST, let him be accurſed." We are

tied with the chain of our ſins, and bound by the fetters of unbelief, O Holy Spirit break our ſhackles, and ſet our ſouls at liberty. Son of GOD, make us free, and we ſhall be free indeed: free to love GOD—free to worſhip him in Spirit and truth—free to rejoice in thee, while we have no confidence in the fleſh—free to walk in all the ordinances of the LORD blameleſs, and free to rejoice in hope of the glory of GOD. O may our ſouls pant after this glorious freedom, and never, never reſt till we enjoy the liberty wherewith CHRIST makes poor ſinners free. Without this, what is our life? Verily we walk in a vain ſhadow and diſquiet ourſelves in vain. We can enjoy no ſolid, ſubſtantial good. Yet ſo fooliſh are we, that we try one thing after another to make us happy, but all in vain; for thou O LORD haſt written vanity upon every creature-good. May we ſee thy wiſdom in this, and turn from the creature to thee, who art over all GOD bleſſed for ever more; and who alone art able to bleſs us for evermore. Glory and praiſe be unto thee, for all the mercies and comforts this day beſtowed on us. LORD inſpire our ſouls with gratitude for them, and with a deep ſenſe of our utter unworthineſs of the leaſt of all thy mercies, For we are ſinners before thee and

tranſgreſſors againſt thee. May the ſenſe of this, heighten thy goodneſs to us, and exalt thy mercies beſtowed on us. Thou LORD doſt good to the wretched, beſtoweſt mercy upon the miſerable, and multiplieſt thy favours upon the unworthy, or elſe it had been our doom, to want the bleſſings and comforts of this life, and to be deſtitute of the leaſt hope of that life which is to come. Enable our ſouls to love thee, rejoice in thee, ſtill look to thee, plead with thee, and hope for the continuance of thy goodneſs to us in the night-ſeaſon. LORD keep us from every danger, protect us from all evil, and ſurround us by thy power that no harm happen to us. O grant undiſturbed repoſe to our bodies, and reſt and peace to our ſouls. Have mercy upon all men. Bleſs all who are of the houſhold of faith. May the king thou haſt ſet over us reign in righteouſneſs. May all in authority under him have wiſdom to act for the nation's good, and hearts devoted to thy glory. Bleſſed be thy name for a few who are good as well as great. LORD keep them faithful to thee and thy cauſe. Relieve and comfort all who are in diſtreſs. Be a friend to the poor. Sanctify an hour of poverty and diſtreſs, and deliver in times of temptation. Grant us to pity and pray for thoſe we cannot relieve.

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Give us an heart open to the complaints, and ready to help and aſſiſt our fellow ſinners. Father of all mercies to thee we look. For CHRIST's ſake look upon us, accept, pardon and bleſs us now and ever more, in life and in death, in time and to eternity. O may we be of the happy number, who ſhall ſurround thy throne in glory, and aſcribe ſalvation to GOD and the LAMB. *Amen.*

FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who haſt aſcended up on high, led captivity captive, and received gifts for men, even for the rebellious, that the LORD GOD might dwell among them; pour down the gifts and graces of thy Spirit upon us, that we may worſhip and adore thee as our SAVIOUR, and thy Father as our Father. We are rebels; LORD ſubdue our rebellious wills. Give us the love, fear, hope and joy of the children of the moſt high GOD. Glory to heavenly love, and rich grace; ſinners, miſerable, rebellious ſinners, are made the children of GOD by faith in CHRIST JESUS. LORD make us, even us, thy children, by adopting us unto thyſelf by the power of thy Spirit, that we may believe in thy beloved Son, and rejoice in thee our heavenly Father. O call us out of our natural,

hardened, rebellious ſtate of ſin and death, and tranſlate us into the kingdom of thy dear Son. Let not the prince of the power of the air work in us, nor ſin have the dominion over us. Let grace, thy ſovereign, efficacious, almighty grace be ſhed on us abundantly through JESUS CHRIST, that we may be ſaved by thy mercy, through the waſhing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghoſt. LORD ſuffer us not to preſume to come into thy preſence, truſting in our own works, but in thy manifold and great mercies in CHRIST, in whom all thy great and precious promiſes are yea and amen. Grant us to plead them, and do thou fulfil them, to the glory of thy holy name. We are the preſerved of thy power from day to day. We are raiſed by thy mercy, from our beds of reſt to enjoy the light of another morning. We are continued in being, by thy long-ſuffering goodneſs. Thou loadeſt us with thy benefits. LORD forbid that we ſhould be unmindful of thy mercies, or unthankful to thee for thy goodneſs. As thy creatures we are bound to praiſe thee. O make us new creatures in CHRIST, that we may love thee, delight our ſouls in thee, and devote ourſelves to thee. O that we may put on CHRIST JESUS this morning, that we may not make proviſion for the

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fleſh, to fulfil the luſts thereof. May the GOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Father of glory, give unto us the Spirit of wiſdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, that the eyes of our underſtanding being enlightened, we may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the ſaints, and what is the exceeding greatneſs of his power to thoſe who believe, according to the working of his power, which he wrought in CHRIST when he raiſed him from the dead, and ſet him at his own right hand, and gave him to be head over all things to his body the church. May we receive every grace and bleſſing out of the fulneſs of CHRIST. O thou great ſearcher of hearts, thou ſeeſt whether theſe glorious bleſſings are or are not the earneſt deſire of all our ſouls. If either of us before thee is thoughtleſs, careleſs and indifferent about them, O pity that ſoul. Send forth thy light and thy truth into that heart. that we may all with united voice, fervently cry, LORD ſave us or we periſh. LORD pity us the inhabitants of a body of ſin and death. Save us from the corruptions that are in the world through luſts. Direct our hearts into the love of CHRIST. Guide our feet into CHRIST, who is the way, the truth and the life. Give us peace in him, peace from him,

and may his peace controul all our turbulent paſſions, and ſubdue all our diſorderly affections. LORD thou knoweſt it is not in man who walketh to direct his ſteps. Our ways are ſin, folly and death. Thy ways are ways of pleaſantneſs, and all thy paths are peace. LORD be our guide and our preſerver this day. Bleſs us with upright hearts to thee, and ſincerity before thee. Whatever we meet with this day in the courſe of thy providence, LORD overrule all by the power of thy grace, that all things may work together for our good and thy glory. Give us to experience the power of that truth, The juſt ſhall live by faith. O may we believe to the ſaving of our ſouls. May we find the power of a holy faith, working by the love of an incarnate GOD, to all holineſs and obedience—to the love of thee and all men, and to the glory of thy bleſſed name. While others are ſeeking all their happineſs and comfort in the things of this life, aſking, Who will ſhew us any good? May our hearts be ſet on thee, and may it be our cry, LORD lift up the light of thy countenance upon us. Satisfy our ſouls out of the riches of thy love and grace. O LORD bleſs all men, eſpecially thoſe of the houſhold of faith. Remember all our dear relations and friends. O make

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them friends of JESUS, and children of GOD. Bleſs our enemies. Forgive them, and forgive us in whatever we have done amiſs to them. Now cauſe us to riſe from our knees, refreſhed with thy love, and animated by thy grace to devote ourſelves to thy glory this day, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD; to whom with thee O Father, and thee O Spirit, be all the glory of all that we have, and all that we hope for, now and ever. *Amen.*

FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD the Holy GHOST, thou bleſſed inſpirer of all that is good in the hearts of ſinners, graciouſly enlighten our minds to ſee the preciouſneſs of CHRIST, and powerfully convert our hearts from ſin and vanity to him, for righteouſneſs, peace and holineſs. Glory be to GOD, that there is an advocate with the Father, JESUS CHRIST the righteous, and he is the propitiation for ſin. O may we firmly believe this in our hearts, and in the faith of this, preſent our ſouls this night before the Father's throne of grace, for acceſs and acceptance. O heavenly Father, grant us to come unto thee with the faith, fear, and love of thy dear children in our hearts. And do thou pour down the comforts

forts of thy fatherly love upon us. Under a ſenſe of the manifold mercies of this day, give us grace to approach thee with thankful hearts. May our mercies be heightened by a ſenſe of our unworthineſs of them, and as beſtowed by thee, againſt whom we all have ſinned; ſo as to cauſe us to ſink into deep ſelf-abaſement, and cry out with aſtoniſhing gratitude, "LORD what is man that thou art mindful of him! What are we, the fallen children of an apoſtate parent, that thou ſhouldſt daily viſit us in mercy, and pour down thy manifold bleſſings upon us!" Great as thy goodneſs is, and abundant as thy mercies are to our mortal bodies, yet O LORD thy grace to our immortal ſouls infinitely exceeds all. For glory be to thy loving, gracious heart, thou haſt not ſpared thine only begotten Son, but haſt freely given him up for us all. Open our eyes, to ſee the wonders of this thy love. Cauſe our hearts to meditate upon it; and grant that each of our ſouls may know by bleſſed experience the grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the love of GOD, and the fellowſhip of the Holy GHOST. LORD there is no ſoul before thee ſo dead in ſin, but thou canſt quicken: No eye ſo blind but thou canſt open: No ear ſo deaf but thou canſt cauſe to hear the voice of thee the hea-

venly charmer. LORD ſpeak the word, and it ſhall be done. The blind ſhall ſee, the deaf ſhall hear, the dead ſhall live, and praiſes ſhall aſcend to thy great and glorious name. O give us to plead in faith thy precious promiſes, and in longing hope to look up to thee to fulfil them upon us. LORD thou haſt ſaid, "Where two or three are met together in my name, there am I in the midſt of them." Let us now find thy preſence, in the power of thy Spirit, ſpeaking peace to our conſciences, love to our hearts, and joy to our ſouls. We are miſerable ſinners: LORD ſave us, and call us, according to thine own purpoſe and grace in CHRIST JESUS, that we may be a people formed for thy glory, who ſhall ſhew forth thy praiſe. We are fallen creatures. We all bear the image of the earthly Adam. We are all naturally earthly, ſenſual, and deviliſh, LORD raiſe us from our fall. Reſtore us to thy favour. Reſtamp thine image upon our ſouls, that we may bear the image of the ſecond Adam, the LORD from heaven. We know not but this night our ſouls may be required of us. O help us to examine ourſelves whether we are in the faith, and to prove ourſelves, that we may know ourſelves, whether CHRIST JESUS be in us or not. For if CHRIST be not in us, we are in our ſins, and

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diſapproved of thee. O cauſe each of us to tremble to be found out of CHRIST, living in our ſins, dying in our ſins; and riſing to judgment in our ſins: for to all ſuch, thou art O GOD a conſuming fire. As thy wrath is revealed from heaven againſt all ungodlineſs and unrighteouſneſs of men, O cauſe us to flee from the wrath to come; to JESUS the only hope, and alone Saviour of ſinners, that we may now find mercy and obtain ſalvation for our ſouls, through his blood and righteouſneſs. O that we may labour to enter into his precious reſt. GOD forbid that any of us ſhould come ſhort of it through unbelief. LORD have mercy upon all men. Bleſs all thy people out of the fulneſs of CHRIST. Viſit, comfort and ſupport, the ſons and daughters of ſorrow and affliction. Support them under all their trials, ſtrengthen them under weakneſſes, and give them a happy iſſue out of all their diſtreſſes. Let thy goſpel have free courſe, run and be glorified, to the converſion of ſinners, and to the building up thy people in their moſt holy faith. Bleſs the ſouls, and proſper the labours of all thy faithful miniſters. Keep their ſouls alive to thee and in ſweet fellowſhip with thee. May all thy people experience the ſame rich grace. O may our King live before thee, and may this nation

tion be bleſſed by thee. LORD continue thy goſpel among us in its power light and glory. May our ſouls thereby be edified and built up in the love of GOD the Father, in the grace of GOD the Son, and in the comforts of GOD the Holy GHOST. *Amen.*

FOR THURSDAY MORNING.

O MOST holy and righteous LORD, forbid that we ſhould come into thy preſence truſting in our own righteouſneſs, but in thy manifold and great mercies, manifeſted in CHRIST JESUS to miſerable ſinners. We are not worthy ſo much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the ſame LORD, who in the beginning, didſt promiſe to our fallen parents, that in the ſeed of the woman, ſinners of mankind ſhould be bleſſed: Thy property is, always to have mercy on every returning ſinner, and to forgive every penitent and believing ſoul, through the Son of thy love. Grant us therefore, gracious LORD, to come before thee in humility, and to call upon thee in faith; that we may be accepted in thy beloved Son, and heard and anſwered for his ſake. Thou O GOD haſt aſſured us, he that offereth thee praiſe honoureth thee.

O may we thus honour thee this morning.

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Thou art worthy of all the praiſe, and honour and glory, of all that we are, all that we enjoy, and all that we hope for. Every good and perfect gift cometh down from thee. LORD accept the praiſes of our lips. Enable us to give thee the praiſes of our hearts, and to devote our lives to thy glory and ſervice this day. May we begin this day in thy fear, live under an abiding ſenſe of thy preſence all the day, and conclude it in thy ſervice, doing and ſuffering thy will O GOD from the heart. Thou LORD in providence, haſt placed us in different ſtates and ſtations in life: We have each of us work given us to do, and different duties to diſcharge. We all need thy grace, without which we are inſufficient of ourſelves to pleaſe thee. Let thy grace be ſufficient for us, to enable us to walk before thee in love, and to ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs of life.

LORD convince each of us, that without faith, it is impoſſible to pleaſe thee. Make each of us partakers of precious faith, that we may walk by faith, in holy communion with thee, finding the power of that faith which works by thy love, and draws out our hearts and affections in love to thee, O Saviour of ſinners. LORD ſo convince each of us of ſin, that we may

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feel the burden of it, ſo as to come to thee, thou Lamb of GOD, for eaſe of mind, peace of conſcience and reſt of ſoul. Forbid that any of us ſhould live in carnal ſecurity, and walk in falſe peace, through the ignorance of our hearts, and the blindneſs of ſin. O cauſe the light of truth to ſhine, and the glory of grace to ariſe upon our ſouls, that we may know ourſelves, even as we are known by thee; and know thee the only true GOD in JESUS CHRIST as thou haſt revealed thyſelf in the word of truth. We are aſſured the natural man can neither diſcern, nor know the things of the Spirit: they are fooliſhneſs to him. Gracious GOD, forbid that we ſhould be left in our deplorable ſtate of nature. Make us ſpiritual, that we may approve things which are ſpiritual, and worſhip thee in Spirit and in truth. Suffer us not to live by ſenſe, but enable us to walk by faith. Give us thy Spirit, that we may know the things which are freely given us of GOD. Thou haſt prepared for them that love thee, ſuch things as the carnal eye hath not ſeen, the ſenſual ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the unregenerate heart to conceive. O give us to ſee thee by the eye of faith, to hear thy voice in the word of truth, and conceive in our hearts thy love, thy matchleſs love, O GOD. As ſinners, we have all

forfeited every bleſſing, are expoſed to thy curſe, and deſerve thy eternal wrath. But let us find every curſe averted from us, and every bleſſing reſtored to us, by thy holy life and agonizing death, thy atoning blood and juſtifying righteouſneſs, thou Lamb of God. Thou art the only plea for mercy. Thou art the only Saviour of ſinners. Spirit of God, grant that Christ may be our only plea, and our precious Saviour. May mercy and grace flow to us out of his fulneſs. O merciful high prieſt, ſend down the bleſſing and comfort of thy interceſſions upon us. Thou who ſufferedſt, the juſt for the unjuſt, bring us nigh to God in the experience of our ſouls, that we may live as in his preſence, and walk in the light of his countenance. Let heavenly grace, peace and love deſcend upon us, ſubduing every earthly, ſenſual and deviliſh temper in us, and ſanctifying us throughout in ſpirit, ſoul and body. Grant that it may be manifeſt, that we are beloved of God the Father, redeemed of God the Son, by being ſanctified by God the holy Spirit. May all our dear relations be partakers of the rich mercies of God in Christ Jesus. May all our dear friends be bleſſed, and all our enemies be forgiven by thee, O Lord. Bleſs our king in his perſon, family and government. Crown all

the labours of thy miniſters with abundant ſucceſs. Give to all thy people increaſe of grace to hear meekly thy word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Grant, O IMMANUEL, that the ſavour of thy precious name may be ſpread, and thy glorious ſalvation be known more and more in the hearts of poor, periſhing ſinners. Be thou all our ſalvation, and all our deſire, that each of us may ſay in faith and in truth, I will praiſe thee O LORD; though thou waſt angry with me, yet thine anger is turned away and thou doſt comfort me. O that with joy we may this day, draw water out of the wells of ſalvation, to the glory of the holy and ever bleſſed Trinity. *Amen.*

FOR THURSDAY EVENING.

O LORD who art a ſun and a ſhield, enlighten and defend us. Grace and glory are thy free gifts, O beſtow them upon us. Cauſe us to walk uprightly before thee. Son of GOD, who haſt in theſe laſt days come and ſpoken unto us in thy word, ſpeak to our hearts by the power of thy Spirit. Speak light and conviction into our Souls. Forbid that we ſhould love darkneſs rather than light, becauſe

our deeds are evil. JESUS thou art the light of the world, and the life of men. O may we come unto thee, and make it manifeſt that the true light hath ſhined into our hearts, and that we are the children of the light and of the day. Suffer us not to walk in the darkneſs of ſin, ignorance and error. Deliver us from an evil heart of unbelief, which departs from thee the living GOD, bids defiance to thy awful threatnings, ſets at naught thy precious promiſes, is regardleſs of the concerns of our immortal ſouls, and cauſes ſinners to live after the courſe of this preſent evil world, till death unthought of, judgment unprepared for, and deſtruction unexpected, overtake them. O may we know thy great ſalvation, feel our want of it, and be moſt deeply concerned to obtain the knowledge of our intereſt in the love and grace of the Lamb of GOD. Thou, and only thou, takeſt away the ſin of the world. O JESUS take away our ſins, clothe our naked ſouls with thy righteouſneſs, ſanctify our polluted ſouls by thy Spirit, and unite our hearts to love thy precious name, and to rejoice in thy everlaſting ſalvation.

Gracious LORD, thy word aſſures us, "There is now no condemnation to them who are in CHRIST JESUS:" That all who believe in thee are juſtified from all things: That they are

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paſſed from death unto life. O for thy mercy ſake bring our ſouls into this happy ſtate. Grant that we may experience the joys of thy people, and the felicity of thy choſen. Quicken our ſouls to preſs forward, and to give all diligence to obtain thoſe bleſſings which thou haſt promiſed to them who ſeek thee. As the ſhadows of the evening are come upon us, as the darkneſs of the night is ſpreading over us, ſo make us remember that the night of death will ſoon ſucceed the day of life, and that our ſun will ſoon ſet. LORD JESUS give us that hungering and thirſting of ſoul after thee, that we may not reſt till we know that thou art our reſurrection and our life: That we may meet death with compoſure, yea embrace him as a meſſenger of peace. Having thee O JESU in the arms of our faith, may we joyfully ſay, "LORD now letteſt thou thy ſervant depart in peace, for mine eyes have ſeen thy ſalvation." O let us now experience thy ſalvation. Let us find it to be a preſent ſalvation in our hearts, ſaving us from every falſe hope into thyſelf, as the only hope of our ſouls. Save us from the love of ſin, the love of this world, and from all ſelf-love, which is contrary to the love of thee. O ſave us into the love of GOD, the love of truth, the love of thee, who art the way the truth and

the life. Save us from all things which are contrary to the honour and glory of thee. Give us grace ſo to paſs through this preſent evil world, as ſtrangers and pilgrims in it. As we all name the name of CHRIST, may we through the grace of CHRIST depart from all iniquity. As we are all called chriſtians, may it be our happy mercy to be anointed with the Spirit of CHRIST, and to be really made what we are called. As thy word aſſures us, "If any man have not the Spirit of CHRIST he is none of his," O that there may be a cry in each of our hearts, to partake of the holy Spirit of promiſe. Dear LORD, thou haſt encouraged poor ſinners to pray for the holy Spirit, and haſt aſſured us, thy Father will give the holy Spirit to them who aſk him. O that we may now aſk in the faith of thy word, nothing doubting. LORD hear us. Send down the grace and bleſſing of thy Spirit upon us, that we may be a people formed for thy glory, that by our walk and converſation, we may ſhew that we have been with JESUS, are partakers of the divine nature, and that all our unruly luſts and unholy tempers, are thereby mortified and ſubdued. Bleſs and keep us through the evils and dangers of this night. Preſerve us from devouring flames, and from the ſons of violence. LORD prepare

us by reſt for the duties of another day. For thy infinite mercy ſake in CHRIST JESUS, fit us for death, prepare us for judgment, and make us meet to be partakers of the heavenly inheritance with thy ſaints in glory. Bleſs our King. Bleſs all men. Keep and comfort thy people. Make all who are dear to us of that happy number. Reward the love of our benefactors. Change the hearts of, and forgive all our enemies. NOW LORD into thy hands we would commit our bodies, ſouls and ſpirits. Grant us the unſpeakable mercy to know, that thou haſt redeemed us, that our ſouls may love thee, and rejoice in thee as our Saviour; and ſay of thee, "Whom have we in heaven but thee, and there is none upon earth we deſire beſide thee. In this faith may we comfortably live, and joyfully die, and be the happy partakers of the end of our faith, the everlaſting ſalvation of our ſouls in thy kingdom of bliſs and glory. Theſe mercies we aſk in thy name and for thy ſake O CHRIST, who art ever worthy, with the Father and the Spirit, to receive equal honour and endleſs praiſe. *Amen.*

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For Friday Morning.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hath aſſured us, "That the day of the Lord of hoſts ſhall be upon every one who is proud and lofty, and upon every one who is lifted up; and that the lofty looks of man ſhall be humbled, and the haughtineſs of man ſhall be bowed down, and the Lord alone ſhall be exalted in that day;" graciouſly fulfil this promiſe upon our ſouls. Lord though we are poor, wretched, miſerable, blind and naked, yet we are naturally prone to be proud and lofty, and to exalt ourſelves. Lord pity us. Be thou exalted Lord in thine own ſtrength, and let this be the day of thy power, that we may exalt thee, and bring free-will offerings of holy worſhip unto thee. O Lord Christ, who didſt humble thyſelf to death, even the death of the croſs, humble us, that we may exalt thee. God forbid that we ſhould glory, ſave in the croſs of our Lord Jesus Christ. May our ſouls bleſs thee, for that new and living way, which thou haſt conſecrated through the vail of thy fleſh, for us miſerable ſinners to draw nigh unto God. Grant Lord that we may now find free acceſs to thee, full acceptance with thee, and every needful bleſſing from thee. O merciful high-prieſt of our profeſſion, have compaſſion upon us. We are naturally

turally ignorant, and out of the way of life and ſalvation; O cauſe us to return to thee, the great ſhepherd and biſhop of ſouls. Fulfil thy bleſſed word upon each of us. Bring us blind ſinners by the way we know not. Lead us in paths we have not known, make darkneſs light before us, and crooked things ſtraight unto us. Do theſe things for us, and never leave nor forſake us O LORD.

Where thou haſt begun a work of grace upon any of our ſouls, LORD carry it on with thy power, and perfect it to thy glory. Let us experience that thou doſt work in us both to will and to do of thine own good pleaſure. While many are ſaying, "Who will ſhew us any good?" Grant that the cry of our ſouls may be, "LORD lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace." LORD be gracious to us, and bleſs and keep us this day. O GOD the Father of heaven, who haſt declared of CHRIST, "This is my beloved Son;" and bid poor ſinners hear him, behold him, believe on him, and come to him, grant us in the power of the Spirit to obey thee. O may each of our ſouls ſay of thy beloved Son, He is my beloved Saviour. For in CHRIST is all righteouſneſs, peace and joy. Out of CHRIST there is nothing but ſin, and curſe and wrath. CHRIST grant that our

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ſouls may be found in thee, and by thy grace may we have our converſation in this world. O LORD while infidelity prevails againſt thy truth, iniquity abounds in oppoſition to thy will, and enmity works againſt thee in the hearts of the children of men, let thy grace ſubdue all theſe in us. Impreſs this ſolemn truth upon our minds, "He that believeth not the record which GOD hath given of his Son, maketh GOD a liar." O cauſe us to dread this, as the greateſt ſin under heaven; as this ſin, if lived and died in, will inevitably ſink the unbelieving ſinner into the loweſt hell. Grant LORD that we may believe to the ſaving of our ſouls: Believe the record which thou haſt given us of eternal life, and that this life is in thy Son: That having the Son of GOD dwelling in us by faith, we may have eternal life abiding in us. Cauſe our ſouls to give thee glory this morning for that precious word; "Whoſoever calls upon the name of the LORD JESUS ſhall be ſaved." O that when ſin allures, Satan tempts, and corruptions rage, we may cry; "LORD ſave us, or we periſh." LORD keep us, or we ſhall fall. LORD ſave us this day from all the evils within us, the temptations around us, and the ſnares which may be laid for us. Enable us to do our duty in the ſtation of life wherein thou haſt placed us as members of CHRIST and

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ſervants of the moſt high GOD; ever conſidering ourſelves in thy preſence, and deſiring in all things thy glory. In obedience to thy command, we pray for all men: For the King thou haſt given us, and for all in authority under him, that we may lead quiet lives in all godlineſs and honeſty. Bleſs all our dear relatives with the knowledge of themſelves, a ſight of CHRIST and his ſalvation, and with the gift of precious faith in his bleſſed name. LORD continue the light of thy glorious goſpel to us. Bleſs all thy miniſters who preach it. Add to their number, and increaſe their uſefulneſs, to the awakening the dead in ſin, comforting the mourners in Zion, giving reſt to burdened ſouls, and peace to diſtreſſed conſciences. Accept our praiſes for all thy mercies temporal and ſpiritual, known and unknown, vouchſafed unto us. O give us thankful hearts. Grant that we may give thee thy due praiſe, in heart, lip and life. Now LORD give us thy peace which paſſeth all knowledge, and thy joy which is unſpeakable and full of glory, that we may rejoice in thee, and be devoted to thee this and all our days, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

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For Friday Evening.

STIR up, O Lord God, the deſires of our ſouls to ſeek thy face. Cauſe us to fall down at thy feet in humility as miſerable ſinners; and to approach the throne of thy grace, as needy creatures. O may our ſouls this night bleſs thee, that there is a throne of grace to come unto, and a God of grace in Christ to call upon. Though we have ſinned, bleſſed be God, we have an advocate Jesus Christ the righteous, and his blood cleanſeth from all ſin. Holy Spirit, if thou haſt taught us to know ourſelves, we muſt ſee, that we are concluded under ſin, and our mouths are ſtopped. We are guilty. We have no plea, in and from ourſelves, why God ſhould hear us, accept and bleſs us. Nothing but ſin, dejection and deſpair, ariſe in and from ourſelves. But if we know the love of Christ, as revealed in the word of truth, we have all reaſon for hope and encouragement to come unto thee, and to expect the richeſt bleſſings from thee. Glory be to thee O Lord, there is in Christ, perfect righteouſneſs for miſerable ſinners: Perfect juſtification for condemned ſinners: Perfect cleanſing for guilty ſinners: Perfect holineſs for unholy ſinners: Perfect redemption for captive ſinners: A perfectly finiſhed ſal-

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vation for loſt and periſhing ſinners: Yea, all perfection of bleſſedneſs for curſed ſinners. O what amazing mercy, wonderful love, and aſtoniſhing grace is this! LORD grant that our hearts may receive this grace in the love of it, that our ſouls may love thee, praiſe thee, and rejoice in thee this night, on account hereof.

O LORD Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, it is our bounden duty, our reaſonable ſervice, grant us to ſee it our ineſtimable privilege, to preſent ourſelves before thee, to pray unto thee, and to give thee the praiſes due unto thy name. Grant us the grace of prayer in our hearts, while we uſe the words of prayer with our lips. Give us the Spirit of praiſe, while we utter the words of praiſe. May our perſons be accepted in CHRIST, and our ſervices be preſented upon the altar of his ſacrifice, and be perfumed with his much incenſe, that they may be acceptable in thy ſight O GOD. Thanks be to thee O LORD, for that precious word, "All things whatſoever ye aſk in prayer, believing ye ſhall receive." Give faith, ſtrengthen faith to plead this thy promiſe before thee. O grant us ſo to aſk, that we may receive bleſſings from thee: ſo to knock, that the door of mercy, grace and peace, may be opened to our ſouls: So to ſeek, that we may

find CHRIST in us the hope of glory, GOD reconciled to us in CHRIST, pardoning our ſins, and ſhedding thy love abroad in our hearts, by the holy GHOST given unto us.

LORD convince us from day to day, that this is not our reſt, that it is polluted; and therefore that this earth, and all the works that are therein, ſhall be burnt up. Seeing theſe things are ſo, help us to remember, "What manner of perſons we ought to be, in all holy converſation and godlineſs." Make us ever to remember, "that without holineſs no man ſhall ſee the LORD: That the wicked ſhall be turned into hell, and all the people who forget GOD." LORD impreſs our minds with a ſenſe of the exceeding ſinfulneſs of ſin, and of thy terrible judgments denounced againſt impenitent, unbelieving ſinners. Affect our ſouls with thy love, in giving thy beloved Son to be the Saviour of miſerable ſinners. O grant that we may flee from ſin, as from the face of a ſerpent, and flee to JESUS, as a ſure refuge from the floods of wrath which ſhall be poured upon an ungodly world: And let us find thee a precious JESUS to ſave us now from the guilt and power of ſin—from the curſe and wrath due to ſin; and at laſt from the very being of ſin. LORD ſave us in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good

good LORD deliver us. O guide us through life by thy holy counſel, and after death bring us to thy eternal glory.

Father of all our mercies, we bleſs and praiſe thee, for thy care over us, and all thy goodneſs to us the day paſt. Be with us and bleſs us, through this night. We know not what events may await us. Before the morning light, thou mayeſt ſay of each of us, "This night thy ſoul is required of thee." If ſo, LORD grant that we may be found ready: Found in CHRIST, "Having our loins girded about, our lights burning, and we ourſelves waiting for the LORD." Shew mercy O LORD to this ſinful nation. Stop the ſpreading of infidelity, the growth of error, and the abounding of iniquity. O pour down a Spirit of reformation upon us. Let thy goſpel run and be glorified. Cauſe thy truth to be known upon earth, and thy ſaving health among all nations. May our king live before thee, and be a miniſter of GOD for good to us. Bleſs all thy people with more grace, out of thy fulneſs, O CHRIST. Grant that our ſouls may live upon thee. our hearts rejoice in thee, and our ſpirits be comforted by thee. Hear us, O GOD, pardon, accept and bleſs us in CHRIST JESUS our LORD. *Amen.*

For Saturday Morning.

O HOLY bleſſed and glorious Trinity, three Perſons and one God, have mercy upon us miſerable ſinners. O glorious Three, who bear record in heaven, graciouſly bear witneſs in earth, even in our hearts, of the ſalvation which is in Christ Jesus. Lord, as thou haſt created one ſun to enlighten, chear, and comfort the natural world, ſo bleſſed be thy name, there is one Sun of Righteouſneſs to enlighten, animate and comfort the ſpiritual world. O Christ, thou Sun of Righteouſneſs ariſe this morning upon us, with healing under thy beams, that our ſouls which are wounded by ſin may experience thy health and ſalvation. There is no health in us. Lord have mercy upon us miſerable offenders. Grant us penitent hearts and contrite ſpirits. Reſtore us to thy favour, according to thy promiſes made unto mankind in Christ Jesus. Grant O moſt merciful Father for his ſake, that we may live a godly, righteous and ſober life, this and all our days, to the glory of thy holy name.

Lord pity our ignorance. Open our blind eyes. "Thy loving-kindneſs O Christ is better than life itſelf:" Cauſe our hearts to experience this. Thou haſt aſſured us, except we are born again of the Spirit, we cannot ſee, we cannot

cannot enter into thy kingdom: Grant us this ſpiritual birth, that we may ſee the glory of CHRIST, the bleſſedneſs of his kingdom, enter into it, and poſſeſs the righteouſneſs, peace and joy of it in the Holy GHOST through faith. LORD, the ſubjects of thy heavenly kingdom in glory, were once miſerable ſinners on this earth, as we are now. What has grace done for them! they were ſaved by thy everlaſting love, O GOD the Father, by thy grace, O GOD the Son, and by thy power O GOD the holy Spirit. LORD thy love to poor ſinners is the ſame yeſterday, to-day, and for ever. Thy power is almighty. Thy mercies in CHRIST JESUS endure for ever. Grant that our ſouls may prove and experience all this, in thy pardoning our ſins, juſtifying our perſons, ſanctifying our ſouls, giving peace to our conſciences, and making us meet to be partakers with the ſaints in light and glory. O GOD let none of us reſt ſhort of this. Quicken us from day to day to cry unto thee. Let our prayers ariſe from the convictions of our hearts, that we are miſerable ſinners, that time is ſhort, death is near, an awful judgment-day is at hand, a never-ending eternity is before us, and that there is no ſalvation but in the Son of GOD. LORD impreſs this ſolemn, this unchangeable truth of thine upon our hearts, "He who

believeth on the Son hath everlaſting life; and he who believeth not the Son of GOD, ſhall not ſee life, but the wrath of GOD abideth on him." O make us partakers of this precious faith which overcometh the world. And in this faith enable us to reſiſt the devil, ſtrive againſt all ſin, and obey thy holy will and commandments, that ſo we may honour the profeſſion we make of CHRIST, by our holy walk and converſation. LORD keep us in our going out and coming in this day. Bleſs us in our worldly concerns. In the different ſtations of life wherein thou haſt placed us, enable us to poſſeſs reſignation, content of mind, thankfulneſs of heart, and devotedneſs of ſoul to GOD. Let the word of CHRIST dwell in us richly in all wiſdom. Let the peace of GOD rule in our hearts. And grant that whatſoever we do in word or deed, we may do all in the name of our LORD JESUS, giving thanks unto GOD and the Father by him.

LORD give wiſdom to the head, and grace to the heart of the King thou haſt ſet over us, that he may be a bleſſing to thy church and people. May all in authority under him fear GOD, and work righteouſneſs. Bleſs all who labour in thy word and doctrine. Make them wiſe to win ſouls to CHRIST. Give them a holy zeal for thy truths: Loving hearts to

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precious ſouls, and fervent affections for thy glory. Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead poor, periſhing ſinners to thee, O CHRIST, for life and ſalvation. May the proclamation of thy goſpel of peace, cauſe ſinners to lay down their arms of rebellion, ſubmit to thy grace, and become ſubjects of thy kingdom. Thine O LORD is the power. May thy power be known and felt in the hearts of all our relations; may they humbly bow to the ſceptre of thy grace, joyfully receive ſalvation as thy free gift, and live to thy glory. Bleſs all our dear friends with the bleſſings of thy covenant love. Pardon all our enemies out of the riches of thy grace. Reward the kindneſs of all our benefactors, out of thine abundant goodneſs. May thy word be our rule and our guide this day. May we hear the the voice of thy Spirit in it, ſaying, "This is the way, walk therein and ye ſhall find reſt to your ſouls." O CHRIST be thou precious to us, as the way, the truth and the life; that we may live and walk in GOD's favour on earth, and eternally enjoy his preſence in glory. Though we are leſs than the leaſt of all thy mercies, and utterly unworthy of any favour from thee, yet worthy is the Lamb who died for ſinners. O GOD for his ſake, hear us and bleſs us, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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For Saturday Evening.

O LORD God Almighty, who was, and is, and art to come, impreſs this ſolemn ſentence, on each of our minds, "Duſt thou art, and unto duſt ſhalt thou return." Affect our ſouls with a deep conviction that the end of all things is at hand, that we may be ſober, and watch unto prayer. Lord teach us ſo to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto Christ, who of God, is made unto ſinners, wiſdom. Grant us to know thy holy ſcriptures, which are able to make us wiſe unto ſalvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Stir us up to ſearch the ſcriptures daily, becauſe they teſtify of thee, who art the only and the alone Saviour of loſt ſinners. Draw us, and we ſhall run after thee. Set our ſouls at liberty, that we may aſpire after thee, and fix our affections upon things which are above, where thou ſitteſt at the right hand of God. Bleſſed Lord, be our ſtrength. Teach our hands to war, and our fingers to fight againſt all our ſpiritual enemies, the world, the fleſh, and the devil. O fix this ſolemn queſtion deep on our minds, "What ſhall a man be profited, if he gain the whole world and loſe his own ſoul? or what ſhall a man give in exchange for his ſoul?" O may the care of our ſouls be the grand con-

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cern of our lives. May it be our daily ſtudy, our conſtant cry, to know thee, the only true GOD, and JESUS CHRIST whom thou haſt ſent, that ſo we may have eternal life abiding in us. May we be renewed in the ſpirit of our minds, and changed into the image of GOD. LORD, renew our ſouls in knowledge, and our hearts in love, that our lives may be holy. Give us grace to lay aſide every weight, and the ſin which ſo eaſily beſets us, that we may run the heavenly race, looking unto JESUS. What we know not, LORD teach us. Teach us to know ourſelves, as we are known of thee. Teach us to know that our hearts are deceitful above all things, and deſperately wicked; and that out of our hearts proceed all the evils and ſins which we are guilty of. Let this lay us humble as in the duſt before thee. Let this excite an earneſt cry unto thee, "LORD ſave us or we periſh." If we have an earneſt cry in our hearts to thee to be ſaved by thee, thou didſt put it there. Take all the glory of it. If any before thee do not ſee how deplorably corrupted, how dreadfully deceitful, how deſperately wicked their hearts are, and are careleſs about the ſalvation of their precious and immortal ſouls, O CHRIST, have pity upon, and ſhew compaſſion to them. LORD quicken, LORD awaken them out of the dead

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ſleep of ſin, that they may now cry to thee for ſalvation; and not be left at laſt, to cry to the rocks and mountains, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him who ſitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the LAMB: for the great day of his wrath is come, and who ſhall be able to ſtand?"

LORD ſuffer not our hearts to be hardened through the deceitfulneſs of ſin againſt thy fear; but melt down our hard hearts, by the fire of thy heavenly love. May we this night behold by faith CHRIST crucified for our ſins, and for our ſalvation. May our hope be alone in him. From him may we find pardon of ſin, peace of conſcience, joy of heart, and ſanctification of Spirit, ſoul and body. "Enter not into judgment with us O LORD, for in thy ſight ſhall no fleſh living be juſtified." Our ſins condemn us; but with thee O LORD, there is forgiveneſs of ſins, that thou mayeſt be feared. Thou canſt be juſt, and yet the juſtifier of the ungodly ſinner who believes in CHRIST. O that his righteouſneſs, which is unto all and upon all them who believe, may be upon us, that we may be perfectly juſtified from all things, and ſtand completely righteous in thy ſight. LORD convince us, that it is our curſed unbelief, that keeps us from entering into the heaven of thy love, the comforts

forts of thy peace, and the joys of thy ſalvation. O enable each of us to cry in fervency of ſpirit, "LORD I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Let us not ſtagger at any of thy precious promiſes through unbelief; but make us ſtrong in faith, that we may give glory to thy name. "O LORD GOD, LAMB of GOD, Son of the Father, who takeſt away the ſins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou who takeſt away the ſins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou who takeſt away the ſins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who ſitteſt at the right hand of GOD, have mercy upon us." Grant us thy protection this night. May thy power defend us from all our enemies, ghoſtly and bodily; that we may reſt in ſafety on our beds, and by refreſhing ſleep our bodies may be fitted, for the worſhip and ſervice of thee on the approaching ſabbath. And as we hope to ſee another ſabbath on earth, O may our hopes be excited, and our hearts enlivened with the bleſſed expectation of enjoying thy glorious preſence, in a ſabbath of everlaſting reſt in glory. To this end, LORD bleſs all the means of thy grace. May CHRIST be preached to our ears by thy miniſters, and preached to our hearts by thy Spirit, to the deſtruction of our ſins, and to the ſalvation of our ſouls. LORD prepare thy miniſters for their ſolemn work. May they come forth to-

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morrow, in the fulneſs of the bleſſing of the goſpel of peace. While they preach CHRIST and his ſalvation to others, may they feel the love of CHRIST in their own ſouls. May thy word drop as rain, and diſtil as dew upon thy people. May dead ſinners feel its power, and living ſaints find its comfort. May weak hearts be ſtrengthened. To thoſe who mourn in Zion, O LORD, give beauty for aſhes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praiſe for the ſpirit of heavineſs, that they may be trees of righteouſneſs, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. Bleſs and keep all who are near and dear to us this night. May they know the love of CHRIST, which paſſeth knowledge. May our worſt enemies find the beſt of bleſſings from thee. O LORD hear us, anſwer, own and accept us in thy beloved Son CHRIST JESUS, to whom with thee and the holy Ghoſt, be everlaſting glory and endleſs praiſes. *Amen.* 5 MR 64

A Concluding PRAYER, which may be uſed after any of the former.

O LORD let thy peace, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of thee, and of thy Son JESUS CHRIST our LORD: and may thy bleſſing, O GOD Almighty, Father, Son and holy GHOST, be upon us, and remain with us, now and ever. *Amen.*

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